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C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 0534

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, IN, BG, PK

SUBJ: ALLEGED U. S. MINING OF CHITTAGONG HARBOR

REF: CALCUTTA 0488

1. AT CONGEN REQUEST, USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE QUERIED CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND JYOTIRMOY DATTA ( WHO CONDUCTED INTERVIEW WITH MRS GANDHI) ABOUT PORTION OF REF. ARTICLE ON CHITTAGONG MINING. DATTA SAID SUBJECT OF MINING HAD COME UP IN LOK SABHA DEBATE DECEMBER 1972. ALTHOUGH GOVT. SPOKESMAN DID NOT STATE SPECIFICALLY THAT " ENTERPRISE" WAS INVOLVED, IMPRESSION WAS LEFT IN LOK SABHA THAT THERE STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT U. S. WAS RESPONSIBLE.

2. DATTA SAID THAT SHARAD PRASAD, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER WHO WAS PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW, CONTACTED HINDUSTHAN STANDARD ON PUBLICATION OF INTERVIEW TO PROTEST ABOUT MINING QUOTATION. WHEN STANDARD SUGGESTED THAT INTERVIEW FULLY IN KEEPING WITH ITS TAPE RECORDING, PRASAD STATED HE WOULD REVIEW HIS COPY OF TAPE WITH GREAT CARE.  
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PRASAD REPORTED LATER TO STANDARD THAT HIS OWN REVIEW FOUND NO TRACE OF PASSAGE IN QUESTION. ACCEPTING HINT, STANDARD INDICATED TO PRASAD THAT ITS COPY TAPE WILL, OF COURSE, CONFORM TO COPY WHICH PRASAD HAD SO CAREFULLY REVIEWED.

3. DATTA INDICATED THAT THIS EXCHANGE WITH PRASAD CLEARS WAY FOR GOI TO DENY MRS. GANDHI WAS CORRECTLY QUOTED. GORDON

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